

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BURNING OF POST-HARVEST RESIDUAL STALKS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes policy norms to check the pollution caused by burning of post-harvest-residual stalks in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government also proposed to earn carbon credits therefore; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) No Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution Control Committees for UTs are implementing the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) act, 1981 & rules notified thereunder across the country as per their jurisdiction. The provisions under these Acts mainly deals with the pollution caused by industry, operation or process, setting of pollution norms, seeking compliance of such norms etc.

(b) and (d) There is no proposal to earn carbon credits from post-harvest residual stalks burning since it is not an organized activity and it is practiced by farmers out of ignorance. The Punjab Pollution Control Board has taken up a mass awareness programme to educate the farmers in this regard.